(including Local Body), Government Aided Schools and Education Guarantee Scheme (EGS) and Alternative and Innovative Education (AIE) Centres. The Scheme has been extended to upper primary stage of education, *i.e.* classes VI-VIII with effect from 1.10.2007, in 3479 Educationally Backward Blocks (EBBs). The programme will be extended to all areas across the country from 2008-09.

Schools without lavatories in Jharkhand

971. MS. MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many schools in Jharkhand are yet to have lavatories;

(b) by when all the schools in the State would have lavatories;

(c) whether there would be water facilities as well in these schools, alongwith lavatories;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) by when these facilities would be given to all the schools in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) As per 7th India Educational Survey conducted by NCERT with reference date 30.9.2002, out of a total of 22,690 schools in Jharkhand, 19,643 schools did not have urinals and 18,518 schools were without lavatories.

(b) to (e) Education being a concurrent subject, school education primarily comes under the purview of the State Governments. Government of India also provides assistance to the States for various infrastructure facilities under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, including drinking water and toilet facilities.

Building of Navodaya Vidyalaya in Uttarakhand

†972. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the classes for Navodaya Vidyalaya at Bageshwar in Uttarakhand are being conducted;

(b) whether the foundation-stone for construction of the building for the Vidyalaya has been laid;

(c) if so, whether construction work has started; and

(d) if not, the reasons for the delay and by when construction work would be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.